

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND IONEX COMMUNICATIONS NORTH, INC., f/k/a FIRSTEL, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-98-38
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**ORDER DOCKETING AMENDMENTS NO. 3 AND NO. 4 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued March 9, 2001)

On March 1, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Ionex Communications North, Inc., f/k/a Firstel, Inc., filed third and fourth amendments to their negotiated interconnection agreement. Amendment No. 3 adds terms, conditions, and rates for line sharing. Amendment No. 4 modifies the terms, conditions, and rates for physical collocation and collocation augments, access to unbundled loop qualification databases, unbundled loop order provisioning, customer care standards, interim shared loop price, and general terms and conditions. The Utilities Board (Board) approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement on December 28, 1998. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

The parties to the negotiation or any interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendment within 30 days of the filing pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written

comments filed on or before April 2, 2001. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate for review of the amended agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment within 90 days of the submission or the agreement or amendment will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review Amendment Nos. 3 and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement as filed on March 1, 2001, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Ionex Communications North, Inc., f/k/a Firstel, Inc., shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-98-38.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the amended agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before April 2, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of March, 2001.